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ORA A. BROWN, Town Clerk.

FRANK FIFIELD,
JOHN H. EASTMAN, } Selectmen.
DANA W. CAREY,

ORA A. BROWN, Treasurer.

STEPHEN C. BAKER, Collector.

DANA W. CAREY, Overseer of the Poor.

ALONZO R. GAREY, Health Officer.

RINALDO R. D. DEARBORN, Librarian.

CHARLES L. GORDON, Janitor of Town Hall.

MOSES G. TUCKER, Road Agent,

FRANK FIFIELD, Superintendent of Water Works.

ELMER E. KENDRICK,
GEORGE W. JONES, } Constables.
JOHN G. SMITH,

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,
ALBERT E. PORTER, } Auditors.
JAMES F. HUCKINS,

EDWARD HORRIGAN,
THOMAS E. CARR, } Fish and Game Wardens.
BENJAMIN A. CASS,

WILLIAM P. NORRIS,
CHARLES L. GORDON, } Fire Wards.
ALFRED H. APPLEYARD,

Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND, APRIL 1, 1896.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No. Polls, 357,	$3,5700 00
" Horses, 225,	16,400 00
" Oxen, 10,	540 00
" Cows, 195,	4,926 00
" Neat Stock, 2,	32 00
" Sheep, 97,	243 00
" Fowls, 370,	200 00
" Carriages, 14,	1,096 00
Money at Interest,	4,500 00
Stock in Trade,	54,650 00
Stock in Banks,	11, 705 09
Mills and Machinery,	92,700 00
Real Estate,	326,294 00
Non Resident,	7,795 00
Total valuation,	$556,781 09

MONEY RAISED.

For Town Charges,	$2,000 00
Library,	150 00
Extra Highway,	500 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Fire Department,	350 00
Water Works,	500 00
Sidewalks,	1,000 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
State Tax,	1,150 00
County Tax,	1,129 88
School Tax,	1,150 00
Highway, 1-4 of 1 per cent.,	1,390 82
School, district No. 1,	1,069 00
" " " 2,	210 00
Overlay,	543 80
Total money raised,	$12,193 50
Rate per cent. on $100, $2.19.	

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Cash of F. M. Hughes, drawback on insurance,	$ 63
R. R. D. Dearborn. shelving, old library,	70
Leonard Medical Co., license,	2 00
John T. Thorpe Co., "	6 00
L. B. Brooks, billiard "	20 00
D. W. Carey, Grafton Co. poor, to May 1, 1896,	624 15
Town of Bridgewater, labor and	

supplies, Union bridge,	74	15
Cash of Sparkes & Allen's show, license,	10	00
Uncle Tom's Cabin, "	1	00
Merry-go-round, "	9	00
H. H. Gordon, janitor Town Hall,	12	79
Robinson's Dramatic Co., license,	3	00
R. R. D. Dearborn, drawback on checklists,	1	58
D. W. Carey, Grafton Co. poor,	254	38
E. Horrigan, billiard license,	4	17
State treasurer, bounty on hawks,	1	75
" " insurance tax,	3	75
" " railroad "	150	85
" " savings bank tax,	938	77
" " literary fund,	164	50
John York, street lamp,	2	00
Gamewell Co., drawback on freight,	3	52
F. L. Thompson, Masonic Hall rent,	50	00
F. Fifield, lumber sold,	7	60
H. C. Dearborn & Co., rent of shed,	36	00
C. H. Gordon, on account Town Hall,	4	15
water service,	537	40
water rents,	1,344	17
Total received,		$4,268 01

PAYMENT.

Paid Town treasurer,	$4,268 01

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, 375 town reports,	$40	00
Silsby & Son, books for the town,	2	50
F. M. Hughes, insuring Town Hall,	76	73
M. C. Spaulding, reporting 1 birth and 1 death,		50
Hughes & Brown, policeman's club,	1	75
Electric Light Co., lighting streets, quarter ending May 15,	192	25
E. P. Warner, Memorial day appropriation,	50	00
J. E. Beers & Co., 1 set plates, district No. 2,	9	80
J. W. Lowd, police service, '91 and '92,	20	00
Electric Light Co., lighting streets, quarter ending Aug. 15,	192	25
John H. Blanchard, school supplies,	3	08
W. C. Bowen, light 4th July night,	1	50
Hughes & Brown, supplies Town Hall,	9	07
R. R. D. Dearborn, 35 checklists,	8	36
Hodgdon & Pollard, school supplies,	53	15
J. H. Blanchard, " "	1	20
Electric Light Co., lighting streets, quarter ending Nov. 15,	192	25
D. C. Heath, book for dist. No. 2,		50
The American Book Co., supplies for dist. No. 2,	21	80
Silsby & Son, books for town,	2	00
L. V. Fifield, copying inventory, '96	5	00
J. M. Cheney, M. D., reporting 18 births and 9 deaths,	6	75

Paid O. A. Brown, recording births, marriages and deaths,	14 45	
F. M. Hughes, reporting 3 marriages,	75	
E. C. Clarke, " 8 "	2 00	
J. A. Bowler, " 3 "	75	
A. R. Garey, reporting 8 births and 6 deaths,	3 50	
F. Fifield, stationery, bounty on hawks, and fare to Concord,	6 69	
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies Calley district,	3 77	
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies tramps,	15 69	
" " " " Pease district,	1 13	
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies Town Hall,	10 30	
Hodgdon & Pollard, school books,	46 96	
J. L. Wilson, prosecuting complaint against Ed Santy and J. M. Blanchard,	9 00	
Electric Light Co., lighting streets, quarter ending Feb. 15,	171 25	
R. R. D. Dearborn, printing notices,	3 05	
J. H. Eastman, bounty on 2 hawks,	50	
S. C. Baker, tax bills, '95 and '96,	2 00	
		$1,182 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John H. Eastman, 2d selectman,	$30 00
E. C. Clarke, care town clock,	22 50
G. F. Dow, supervisor,	11 00
Dexter Sanborn, "	11 00
M. G. Tucker, "	10 00

Paid Geo. W. Jones, police,	18 00	
J. G. Smith, "	12 00	
Geo. H. Dearborn, inspector of election,	2 00	
Hiram Hodgdon, " " "	2 00	
R. L. Howe, " " "	2 00	
Fred A. Carr, " " "	2 00	
H. C. Dearborn, moderator, '95 and '96,	8 00	
J. R. Stevens, school board, dist. No. 2,	12 60	
J. H. Blanchard, " " " " "	15 00	
E. P. Smith, care town clock,	6 25	
O. A. Brown, town clerk,	50 00	
" " " " treasurer,	50 00	
D. W. Carey, 3d selectman,	50 00	
" " " overseer of poor,	50 00	
S. C. Baker, collector,	100 00	
A. R. Garey, health officer,	10 00	
F. Fifield, 1st selectman,	125 00	
" " care fire alarm,	25 00	
E. E. Kendrick, chief of police,	25 00	
		$649 35

FIRE ALARM.

Paid B. & M. R. R., freight,	$3 52	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., their system,	700 00	
" " " " supplies,	5 05	
W. P. Norris, express,	1 45	
Gamewell Co., 50 lbs. sulp. copper,	2 62	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., 1 pr. plyers,	1 50	
W. P. Norris, express on sulp. copper,	80	
Gamewell Co., 1-2 bbl. sulp. copper,	7 85	
W. P. Norris and B. & M. R. R., freight and express,	41	
W. C. Green, battery jars,	1 80	

Paid W. P. Norris, express, spring for striker,	30	
F. Fifield, stock and labor building room,	13 30	
	$738 60	
By rec'd Gamewell Co., freight paid,	3 52	
Total,		$735 08

TOWN VAULT.

Paid Myra C. Towle, pressed brick,	9 60	
Geo. E. Foster, vault doors,	100 00	
O. A. Plaisted, tending mason,	20 25	
B. & M. R. R., freight on vault doors,	4 30	
J. W. Downing, iron rods,	50	
E. P. Warner, brick and labor,	115 90	
Hughes & Brown, cement and lime,	18 61	
Shepard & Fletcher, form, brick arch,	2 20	
W. M. Bateman, teaming,	8 55	
F. H. Chick, 50 lbs. steel,	2 00	
F. Fifield, fare to Boston and shelving vault,	8 00	
A. F. Nichols, 6 loads sand,	3 00	
		$292 91

HOSE HOUSE BUILDING.

Paid O. A. Plaisted, labor on sewer,	$10 00	
Sam Taylor, blasting " "	12 60	
H. H. Shepard, lumber,	14 95	
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	24 67	
Shepard & Fletcher,	1 30	
O. D. Thompson, plumbing,	70 09	
F. Fifield, storm windows and fitting,	5 40	
James Corliss, sawing wood,	75	
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	6 61	
F. M. Hughes, insuring building,	40 00	

Paid Shepard & Fletcher, supplies,	3 00	
		$189 37
Total amount,		$3,048 94
Current expense appropriation,	$2,000 00	
Memorial day "	50 00	
Total,		$2,050 00
Appropriation exceeded,		$998 94

REPAIRS HIGHWAY.

Appropriations,		
Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, 96,	$474 59	
1-4 of 1 per cent. of valuation,	1,390 82	
Extra appropriation,	500 00	
Sidewalk "	1,000 00	
Road machine appropriation,	300 00	
Total appropriation,		$3,665 41
Paid M. G. Tucker's orders,	$1,532 07	
B. & M. R. R., freight on road scraper,	9 90	
B. & M. R. R., " " steel girders,	9 83	
G. B. Stevens, highways,	35 97	
L. M. Pike, concrete,	1,146 04	
Vermont Construction Co., steel girders,	150 17	
N. W. Morse, labor, Union bridge,	14 50	
J. Hadlock, bal. between scrapers,	200 00	
Benj. Deane, labor,	22 56	
N. P. Batchelder, land damage,	1 00	

Paid Mrs. E. Smith, land damage,	1 00	
C. H. Sleeper, surveying,	3 18	
Howe & Harrington, painting guide boards,	6 50	
Shepard & Fletcher, guide boards,	2 45	
Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, '97,	430 24	
	$3,565 41	
Bal. on road scraper carried to current expenses,	100 00	
		$3,665 41

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

	School Money,	*Repair Money,*	*Dog License,*	*Literary Fund,*	*Total Amount.*
Dist. No. 1,	$1740 00	$369 00	$95 29	$71 92	$2276 21
" " 2,	210 00	110 00	47 64	35 95	403 59
Totals,	1950 00	$479 00	$142 93	$107 87	$2679 80
	Bal. due dist. No. 2, Feb. 15, '96,				42 67
Total,					$2722 47

Paid out as follows:

Paid D. N. Pollard, insurance, schoolhouse,	$144 00
" " " school purposes,	200 00
J. R. Stevens, repair money, dist. No. 2,	60 00
J. H. Blanchard, school money, dist. No. 2,	42 00
D. N. Pollard, paying teachers, dist. No. 1,	528 00

Paid F. D. Eastman, repair money, dist. No. 2,	50 00	
J. H. Blanchard, school money, dist. No. 2,	10 67	
D. N. Pollard, school supplies, dist. No. 1,	52 67	
J. H. Blanchard, for school, dist. No. 2,	200 00	
D. N. Pollard, paying teachers, dist. No. 1,	585 00	
D. N. Pollard, sewer, dist. No. 1,	201 73	
" " " janitor,	13 00	
J. H. Blanchard, dist. No. 2,	3 40	
D. N. Pollard, bal. school money, dist. No. 2,	551 81	
J. R. Stevens, for dist. No. 2,	15 00	
Bal. due dist. No. 2,	65 19	
Total,		$2,722 47

COUNTY PAUPER EXPENSES.

Amount due from county Feb. 15, '96,	$26 49
Paid J. M. Cheney, medical attendance upon Mrs. Geo. Randall,	141 75
Mrs. Cora Jenness, nurse for Mrs. Randall,	100 00
Mrs. J. B. Huckins, care of child of Mrs. Randall,	31 50
Mrs. Geo. Fogg, nurse, Mrs. Randall,	33 00
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies, Mrs. Randall,	61 99
W. C. Carpenter, medicine,	38 96
Mrs. M. A. Pierce, bread,	7 14
Frank Dalton, milk,	9 20

Paid Mrs. Etta F. Knowles, washing,	4	50
" Edward Felch, "	7	70
H. W. Boynton, rent,	16	95
J. S. Drew, supplies,		53
for Dosetty Vallier,	77	79
" J. B. Jordine,	43	40
" Hattie Vallier,	10	00
" Mary Brooks,	13	25
Mrs. Rankin, board, Annie Parker,	43	00
W. C. Carpenter, medicine, Annie Parker,	6	15
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Annie Parker,	33	50
Mrs. Harford, nurse, Annie Parker,	6	00
" J. B. Huckins, board, Randall child,	24	00
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies, Mrs. Vallier,	54	77
S. Blanchard, rent, Mrs. Vallier,	16	00
W. C. Carpenter, medicine, Mrs. Vallier,	1	05
A. E. Porter, medicine, Mrs. Vallier,		50
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Mrs. Vallier,	6	75
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies, Jordine family,	22	25
D. W. Carey, Jordine family,	6	39
J. M. Cheney, attendance, Jordine family,	8	00
R. Huckins, supplies, Jordine family,	1	65
A. E. Porter, medicine, " "	4	00
Sullivan Bros., supplies, Randall family,	2	00

Paid Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies, Randall family,		75
Anna Deane, rent, Randall family,	15	50
W. C. Carpenter, supplies, Randall family,	1	75
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies, Annie Parker,		37
W. C. Carpenter, medicine, Annie Parker,		85
W. C. Carpenter, medicine, Mrs. Depine,	1	00
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Mrs. White,	3	00
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Mrs. Depine,	5	25
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Mrs. Vallier,	1	50
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance, Annie Parker,	13	50
Anna Deane, rent, Geo. Randall,	15	00
F. B. Dalton, milk, Annie Parker,	1	75
J. P. Howe, wood, G. Randall,	1	00
S. Blanchard, rent, J. Lachance and J. White,	9	75
Hodgdon & Pollard, goods, J. Lachance,	6	02
Hodgdon & Pollard, goods, Mrs. Vallier,	89	20
Hodgdon & Pollard, goods, J. White,	19	49
" " " " Geo. Randall,	40	77

Hodgdon & Pollard, goods, Annie Parker,	13 94	
Total,		$1,100 55
Received from Grafton county,	$878 53	
Due " " "	222 02	
Total,		$1,100 55

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.

Amount state, county, town, school and highway taxes,	$12,192 94	
interest collected,	25 05	
poll taxes collected not on list,	19 71	
Total,		$12,237 70

Accounted for as follows:

Amount abatements,	$61 32	
discounts,	284 13	
treasurer's receipts,	11,892 25	
Total.		$12,237 70

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Unexpended appropriation, Feb. 15, '96,	$37 96	
Appropriation March, '96,	350 00	
Total,		$387 96
Paid Hughes & Brown, rubber coats and hats,	$98 52	
Hose Co. No. 1, services,	85 02	
" " " 2, "	100 25	
F. Fifield, labor building closets,	3 80	
Hughes & Brown, supplies,	2 95	
H. H. Shepard, sheathing for closets,	1 68	
Unexpended appropriation,	95 74	
Total,		$387 96

TOWN LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	$150 00	
Bal. due from T. K. Baker, Feb. 15, '96,	1 44	
Total,		$151 44
Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, rebinding books,	$38 20	
" " " " books,	61 80	
" " " " services, librarian,	50 00	
T. K. Baker, services, '96,	1 44	
Total,		$151 44

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	$944 16	
Total receipts during year,	17,314 39	
Total,		$18,258 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during year,	$17,389 56	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	868 99	
Total,		$18,258 55

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1896,	$34,324 66	
Assets,	970 65	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1896,		$33,354 01
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1897,	$34,747 61	
Assets,	1,127 60	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1897,		$33,620 01
Increase of balance during year,		$266 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	$944 16	
Taxes from collector,	11,892 25	
Justice fines,	5 00	
Town Hall,	16 94	

Billiard license,	24 17	
County, support of paupers,	878 53	
Bounty on hawks,	1 75	
Insurance tax,	3 75	
Railroad "	150 85	
Savings bank tax,	938 77	
Literary fund,	164 50	
Street lamp,	2 00	
Gamewell Co., drawback on freight,	3 52	
Rent Masonic Hall,	50 00	
Lumber sold,	8 30	
Rent of shed,	36 00	
Drawback on insurance,	63	
Town of Bridgewater,	74 15	
Drawback on printing,	1 58	
License from shows,	31 00	
Water rents,	1,344 17	
Water services,	537 40	
Dog license,	149 13	
Henry M. Smith, on note,	1,000 00	
Total,		$18,258 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

County tax,	$1,129 88
State tax,	1,150 00
Current expenses,	1,132 26
Memorial day,	50 00
Schools,	2,657 28
County poor,	1,074 06
Highways and bridges,	3,135 17
Town library,	150 00
" officers,	652 35
Water works,	2,804 24

Fire department,	292 22	
Town vault,	292 91	
Fire alarm,	738 60	
Town building,	189 37	
" notes and interest,	1,941 22	
Total,		$17,389 56
Excess of receipts over disbursements,		868 99
		$18,258 55

In submitting our annual report we have to show an increase in the balance against the town, of two hundred and sixty-six dollars ($266.00.) We have to show for this increase, an extension of the water works pipes, at a cost to the town of fourteen hundred sixty-one dollars and sixteen cents ($1461.16,) also the fire alarm system, at a cost for the system and maintenance, to the town, of seven hundred sixty-three dollars and sixty cents ($763.60.) With these added improvements we think the financial standing for the past year will compare favorably with any of the preceding years.

Thanking you all for uniform courtesies extended to us the past year, we most respectfully subscribe ourselves,

Your humble servants,

FRANK FIFIELD,
JOHN H. EASTMAN,
DANA W. CAREY,
} Selectmen of Ashland.

Treasurer's Report.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1896,	$944 16
rec'd of Henry M. Smith on note,	1,000 00
F. M. Hughes, fines,	5 00
town clerk, dog licenses, '96,	149 13
state treasurer,	1,259 62
tax collector,	11,892 25
supt. water works, water services,	537 40
" " " " rents,	1,344 17
selectmen on sundry accounts,	1,126 82
Total,	$18,258 55

Accounted for as follows:

Paid selectmen's orders,	$13,168 46	
county tax,	1,129 88	
state "	1,150 00	
F. Fifield, note and interest,	516 38	
Marilla L. Sargent, note and int.	54 25	
" " " interest,	16 00	
Julia A. Morrill, note and int.	192 56	
J. B. Peaslee, " " "	194 93	
" " " " " "	125 69	
Hattie R. Howe, " " "	122 43	
G. H. Ketchum, " " "	718 98	
Cash in treasury March 1, '97,	868 99	
Total,		$18,258 55

Janitor's Report.

H. H. Gordon, janitor of Town Hall.

Received from People's Clothing Co.,	$15 00	
" " E. W. fair,	3 00	
" " band concert,	3 00	
Total rent rec'd,		$21 00

Disbursements.

Janitor's fees,	$5 00	
Lights,	3 21	
Paid selectmen,	12 79	
Total,		$21 00

C. L. Gordon, janitor.

Received for rent of hall,		$50 00
Paid janitor's fees,	$17 00	
for lights,	3 69	
"	1 44	
"	6 48	
"	7 29	
"	3 15	
water pail,	45	
Rep. rally to janitor,	50	
putting in wood,	70	
Hughes & Brown, 10 gals. oil,	1 25	
for sawdust,	50	
janitor,	2 00	
for electric lights,	1 25	
" water dipper,	15	
selectmen,	4 15	
Balance due town,	50	
Total,		$50 00

Librarian's Report.

Rec'd of treasurer,	$100 00	
fines,	4 74	
cards at 10 cts. each,	40	
Martha Watson, use books 3 mos.,	25	
benefit,	10 00	
		$115 39
Paid R. R. D. Dearborn for 5000 loan slips,	$12 75	
" " " " 1000 by-laws,	3 00	
freight on books from Boston,	51	
cartage from station,	10	
postage,	05	
6 gals. K. oil,	90	
6 picture knobs,	05	
2 oz. gum trag.,	20	
2 lead pencils,	02	
DeWolfe, Fisk & Co., Boston,	30 00	
R. R. D. Dearborn, bill for rebinding,	5 15	
Jordan, Marsh & Co.,	3 20	
fare to Boston for books,	4 80	
1 day's time and expenses in Boston,	1 75	
4 books at $1.00 each,	4 00	
1 book,	50	
A. E. Porter, cabinet clock,	3 00	
Bert Fifield, bracket for clock,	25	
postage,	08	
window screens,	1 50	
express on books,	25	
money order and postage,	12	

Paid matches,	06	
2 books and postage,	37	
express on books,	30	
rebinding books,	38 20	
washing floor of library etc.,	1 50	
expenses on acct. of benefit,	2 29	
Bal in librarian's hand,	49	
Total,		$115 39

No. of books in library Feb. 15, 1896,	2507
" " " " " " " 1897,	2666
" added during the year,	159

The above figures do not include the public documents.

No. of registration cards issued to Feb. 15, '96,	182
" " " " " " " " '97,	346
Increase during year,	164

The librarian tenders thanks to the following named donors of volumes received during the past year:—N. H. State Librarian, Rev. Robert Henry Ferguson, Col. T. P. Cheney, Commissioner of Education, Washington, and Secretary of Agriculture, Washington. Mr. Ferguson also kindly donated several valuable maps.

The books are in fair condition, though some of them are much worn and require frequent use of paste to keep them in circulation.

Superintendent of Water Work's Report.

Appropriation,	$500 00	
Rec'd for putting in service pipes,	537 40	
Due " " " " "	23 09	
Rec'd for water rents,	1,344 17	
Due " " "	13 50	
Total,		$2,418 16

Paid National Meter Co.,	$19 60
Joe Lamache, labor,	7 50
Joe White, "	15 00
B. & M. Railroad, freight on curb boxes,	25
Cole Mfg. Co., 12 curb boxes,	12 00
Louis Mousette, labor,	3 75
Joe White, "	2 25
Joe Lamache, "	9 75
W. P. Norris, express on water meter,	55
Joe Lamache, labor,	15 96
S. M. Holmes, "	1 00
Chas. Miller & Son, cast iron water pipe,	810 00
Joe Lamache, labor,	5 80
Chadwick Lead Works, 44 pigs lead,	126 35
B. & M. R. R., freight on "	6 40
O. D. Thompson, supplies and labor,	247 21
B. & M. R. R., freight on supplies,	5 68
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., hydrants and valves,	158 67
Chas. Thompson, labor,	3 12
J. F. Lougee, "	7 50
Joe Lachance, "	3 75
Fred Norman, "	2 25
Thomas Kennedy, "	50

Paid Leon Chase,	"	3	12
H. H. Brown,	"		62
Joe Hill,	"	6	62
W. S. Lord,	"	14	68
F. E. Bigelow,	"	13	75
John Crowley,	"	7	62
Fred Garrity,	"		62
Joseph Benton,	"	10	37
P. Welch,	"	18	75
J. S. Jordain,	"	11	25
Damas Ladue,	"	17	50
Frank Ballou,	"	6	87
C. M. Hill,	"	18	75
Edward Cheney,	"	16	00
Joe Lamache,	"	2	18
Frank Barone,	"	56	50
Fred Russell,	"	24	68
J. M. Maxwell,	"	19	00
Walter Wadleigh,	"	11	25
J. P. Peaslee,	"	14	50
Wm. Smith,	"	19	68
B. & M. R. R., freight,			76
John Vallier,	labor,	47	00
Napoleon Neddo,	"	26	00
Joe Lachance,	"	2	50
John Frazier,	"	25	89
B. & M. R. R., freight on fountain,		2	38
Burtis Baker,	labor,	1	25
Arthur Fifield,	"	9	00
Concord Foundry Co., fountain,		102	62
Benj. Deane, teaming,		12	97
T. E. Carr, blacksmith work,		14	00
Hughes & Brown, supplies,		20	15

Paid Fred Russell, labor,	18 95
Edward Cheney, "	8 50
Wm. Bateman, teaming,	95
T. P. Woodman, "	4 00
C. F. Lougee, labor,	1 25
James Morris, "	1 25
Cole Mfg. Co., 12 curb boxes,	12 00
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., rubber packing,	3 00
Bert Levoy, labor,	1 25
Napoleon Neddo, "	4 25
John Vallier, "	1 80
O. D. Thompson, supplies,	225 56
Fred Russell, "	4 08
Town of New Hampton, taxes,	292 50
W. P. Norris and B. & M. R. R.,	60
F. H. Chick, repairing pulley block,	1 00
Frank Fifield, labor on extensions,	81 80
Cole Mfg. Co., 12 curb boxes,	12 00
Bartlett & Gay, use of lead kettle,	5 50
Hodgdon & Pollard, hammer handles,	35
Frank Fifield, services as supt.,	100 00
Total,	$2,804 24

Amount expended,	$2,804 24	
" received,	2,418 16	
Total amount expended more than rec'd,		$386 08

Extensions of main lines 1896:

Cost of extensions main lines,	$1,668 83	
Rec'd from Collins & Co., extensions,	207 67	
Total cost to town,		$1,461 16

Service pipe extension and fountain:

Cost of service pipe extension,	$733 39	
Rec'd from water takers, extensions,	329 73	
Total cost to town,		$403 66

Maintenance account:

Paid for rubber packing for hydrants,	$3 35	
testing hydrants and covering pipe,	6 17	
town New Hampton, taxes,	292 50	
Frank Fifield, services as supt.,	100 00	
interest on notes, 1896,	1,323 15	
Total,		$1,725 17
Received for water rent,	$1,344 17	
Due " " "	13 50	
Total amount water sold,		$1,357 67
Total cost maintenance more than rec'd,		$367 50

Income from water works, 1896:

Amount of water sold, 1896,	$1,357 67	
Use 44 hydrants charged to town, at $25 each,	1,100 00	
Use of 2 fountains charged to town, at $25 each,	50 00	
Total,		$2,507 67
No. of taps Feb. '96,		90
" " " made past year,		31
Total No. taps Feb. 15, '96,		121

In making my third annual report, I find at the present time everything in connection with the water works working finely, and the quality of the water excellent. During the months of July and August, the natural flow of water from Jackson pond was not sufficient to supply the village with all the water required at that time, and I was obliged to open the gate and draw the water directly from the pond. During those months I found it necessary to change the water in the pipes quite often and experienced some difficulty in doing it, by there not

being sufficient blow-off pipes in the low places in the village. I would recommend that the superintendent of the water works be instructed to put one in at the bridge on Winter street, also one at the bridge on Main street. Respectfully submitted,

FRANK FIFIELD, Supt. Water Works.

Road Agent's Report.

Geo B. Stevens, Road Agent from Feb. 17, '96 to March '96.

Cash on hand as per settlement with selectmen, Feb. 17, 1896,	$79 19
Rec'd cash to balance, June 2,	35 97
	$115 16

Paid G. O. Kelley,	$3 65
C. H. Sanborn,	1 35
J. A. Simpson,	5 00
F. Harris, telegrams,	75
G. B. Stevens, team,	2 00
G. Vermette,	3 50
J. I. Brown, bridge and road,	3 75
E. H. Whitten,	62
A. Greenwood,	3 37
G. W. Lambert, care of road,	5 60
H. H. Shepard,	25
F. I. Jordan, blacksmith bill,	1 30
A. Evans,	63
C. Shepard,	63
C. H. G. Dow, labor,	6 42
Wm. Smith,	38
Ed Shanty,	2 62

Paid Curtis Baker,	1 75	
S. J. Cotton,	5 90	
A. A. Heath,	3 00	
J. B. Carr,	3 75	
W. D. Bateman,	22 40	
D. M. Leavitt,	14 00	
F. Moore,	38	
Hughes & Brown,	82	
John Vallier,	5 00	
Curtis Baker,	95	
H. C. Bickford,	2 50	
W. H. Calley,	3 44	
W. B. Smith,	3 50	
J. Brogan,	1 00	
G. S. Goss, care of road,	4 95	
Total,		$115 16

Moses G. Tucker, Road Agent from March 10, 1896.

Received of town treasurer on orders,		$1,532 07
Paid Howard Huckins, labor on highway,	$ 25	
Michael Horrigan, " " "	25	
D. M. Leavitt, " " "	8 18	
P. L. Moore, " " "	6 00	
Joe Benton, " " "	1 68	
John Frazier, " " "	7 56	
Willie Parker, " " "	75	
Napoleon Pollin, " " "	1 88	
G. O. Kelley, " " "	4 00	
C. Shepard, " " "	1 75	
John Lougee, " " "	4 12	
J. P. Howe, " " " and sidewalks,	8 88	
John Frazier, labor on highway,	18 38	
M. G. Tucker, " " "	44 15	

Paid C. H. G. Dow,	"	"	"	6	65
Napoleon Pollin,	"	"	"	2	50
C. Hobart,	"	"	"	1	25
Joe Guyott,	"	"	"	8	12
Frank Lougee,	"	"	"	1	88
Wm. Smith,	"	"	"	2	50
John Frazier,	"	"	"	35	63
Joe Gamache,	"	"	"	21	87
Ben Deane	"	"	"	148	39
J. I. Brown,	"	"	"	62	75
M. G. Tucker,	"	"	"	121	85
Lewis Evans,	"	"	"	14	13
John Hughes,	"	"	"	9	00
J. P. Howe,	"	"	"	15	20
W. B. Smith,	"	"	"	3	50
Isaac Woods,	"	"	"	3	62
C. B Hobart,	"	"	"	1	25
J. H. Eastman,	"	"	"	4	00
P. L. Moore,	"	"	"		50
C. H. Sanborn,	"	"	"	6	50
John Levalle,	"	"	"		75
J. C. Hughes,	"	"	"	7	05
John Jordan,	"	"	"	2	50
F. D. Eastman,	"	"	"	4	50
Wm. Smith,	"	"	"	2	37
J. C. Hughes,	"	"	"	2	50
John Frazier,	"	"	"	16	00
J. C. Hughes,	"	"	"	11	25
John Levalle,	"	"	"	4	00
F. J. Wadleigh,	"	"	"	3	00
E. Cheney,	"	"	"	7	88
C. B. Hobart,	"	"	"	4	12
M. G. Tucker,	"	"	"	91	70

Paid G. Vermette,	" " "	2 50
Joe Gamache,	" " "	1 25
J. P. Howe,	" " "	1 40
J. C. Hughes,	" " "	2 82
John Frazier,	" " "	38
F. L. Hughes,	" " "	
and for gravel,		8 00
George Goss,	labor on highway,	6 00
M. G. Tucker,	" " "	13 50
W. B. Smith,	" " "	5 50
James Plaisted,	" " "	2 00
H. Hetherman,	" " "	4 38
Geo. Lambert,	" " "	
and lumber,		10 00
J. I. Brown,	labor on highway,	1 00
C. Hopkins,	" " sidewalks,	2 75
J. Peavey, Jr.,	" " "	62
Charles Shepard,	breaking roads,	2 00
C. H. G. Dow,	" "	5 60
J. Blanchard,	" "	3 00
Wm. Bateman,	" "	
and sidewalks,		66 11
W. H. Calley,	breaking roads,	3 62
J. Blanchard,	" "	1 80
F. D. Eastman,	" "	2 00
Wm. Bateman,	breaking sidewalks,	7 55
Gordon Peavey,	cutting bushes,	50
Frank Garland,	labor on sewer,	1 20
Napoleon Pollin,	" " "	1 25
Hughes & Brown,	sewer pipe,	8 27
Sam Taylor,	labor and stone for	
bridge,		30 00
Hodgdon & Pollard,	supplies, bridge	
and road,		9 80

Paid H. H. Shepard, lumber for bridge,	83	94
Kusumpe Lumber Co., bridge plank,	119	94
Henry Lyford, lighting bridge,	1	00
F. Fifield, labor on Union bridge,	107	78
Thomas Woodman, drawing lumber,	3	50
Shepard & Fletcher, bridge material,	1	00
Kusumpe Lumber Co., bridge lumber,	22	33
Hughes & Brown, tile pipe, supplies,	20	00
Frank Chick, iron work,	8	22
C. H. Sanborn, breaking roads,	1	75
A. F. Nichols, drawing gravel,	10	35
Dexter Sanborn, gravel for roads,	11	00
T. E. Carr, blacksmith work,	6	24
H. H. Shepard, lumber for bridge,	24	80
A. F. Nichols, labor and team on road,	1	92
Ben Deane, " " " " "	61	09
E. P. Warner, mason work on bridge,	8	41
Shepard & Fletcher, lumber and work on sidewalk scraper,	8	08
H. H. Shepard, lumber and guideposts,	5	65
Hodgdon & Pollard, paint oil,		20
Wilder & Co., coal ashes for road,	1	50
John Carr, gravel for highway,	3	40
Hughes & Brown, supplies for highway,	1	56
Frank Chick, iron,		35
F. Fifield, labor on tool room for highway,	5	67
Frank Chick, iron and work on snow plow,	12	95
M. G. Tucker, freight on snow plow,	1	35
" " " " " stone,	5	00
" " " car fare to Rumney and return,		42
Fred Wadleigh, lumber for Owl bridge,		20

Paid Rodney Howe, painting sign for bridge,		25	
Town of Bridgewater, lumber for bridge,		1 50	
William Lobdell, labor on bridge,		1 70	
M. G. Tucker, team and labor on road,		35 20	
Ben Deane,	breaking roads,	8 55	
J. H. Eastman,	" "	1 05	
F. H. Sanborn,	" "	2 88	
Total,			$1,532 07

Last winter was a hard one on bridges and culverts, so much so that it took a large share of the money to repair them. Union bridge is in good condition. I think it will be safe for a number of years. There has been a new street laid out and partly built. So much money has been laid out on bridges and culverts, that it was impossible to do justice to our sandy streets. I would recommend an appropriation for repairs of sidewalks to Christian hill and cemetery.

M. G. Tucker, Road Agent.

Report of the Board of Education.

DISTRICT No. 1, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

PRIMARY GRADE.

Teacher, Miss Lillian M. Pollard.

No. different pupils registered,		94
Average No. belonging to school,		53
" daily attendance,		46
No. on roll of honor,		16
Per ct. daily attendance,	90.35	
Visits by parents and others,		93

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.

Teacher, Miss L. T. Elliott.

No. different pupils registered,		68
Average No. belonging to school,		41
" daily attendance,		38
Per ct. " "	92.71	
Visits of parents and others,		50

LOWER GRAMMAR GRADE.

Teacher, Miss Lulu M. Bryant.

No. pupils registered,		57
Average No. belonging to school,		34
" daily attendance,		33
No. pupils on roll of honor,		28
Per ct. daily attendance,	97.06	
Visits of parents and others,		40

GRAMMAR GRADE.

Teachers, { Miss Alice L. Knox, 24 weeks,
Mr. W. Butterfield, 10 weeks.

No. pupils registered,		38
Average No. belonging to school,		26
" daily attendance,		24
No. on the roll of honor,		13
Per ct. daily attendance,	92.03	
Visits of parents and others,		44

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Rec'd from town,	$2,223 54	
" for ashes,	5 10	
" " tuition,	36 60	
		$2,265 24

Paid teachers for 34 weeks,	$1,359 00	
janitor,	170 00	
for wood,	114 83	
repairing fence,	25 19	
sewer,	210 73	
insurance,	138 00	
truant officer,	49 60	
Miscellaneous expenses,	193 01	
Cash on hand,	4 88	
		$2,265 24

This statement is not exactly correct for the whole year, there being some bills yet due the district, and there will be some more to be paid by treasurer; but it is the best that can be made at this time.

Our teachers have been fairly successful during the past year. Good order has been maintained and it has been the intention of the Board of Education to sustain the teachers in enforcing proper discipline. While not advising unreasonable punishment for those who have not been willing to submit to the regulations of the school, it has not been thought best to discharge disobedient pupils. It is the better way for scholars that cannot be influenced by kind treatment, to be brought to understand that the school is a state affair and that, in order to bring about the best results, the teachers must manage the school. It is not considered good policy to allow boys who have reached the "ripe age" of ten or fifteen years, to take a very prominent part in the management. Miss Knox who has taught the grammar department for several years, has retired from the school. Her services have been faithful and satisfactory and it will be a difficult matter to find a person so well qualified to interest the scholars and afford them so grand an opportunity for improvement.

W. F. Harris,
D. N. Pollard,
M. W. Shapleigh,
} Board of Education.

The School Board Report.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 2, KNOWN AS CALLEY DIST., FIRST TERM.

Teacher, Mary B. Ames; number weeks school, 6; whole number different pupils registered, 16; non-membership in half days, 30; other absences, 78; average daily attendance, 14; per ct. daily attendance, 93; number pupils not absent, 3; instances of tardiness, 15; number visits by parents and others, 6; visits by school board, 2. Course of study pursued: Reading, 16; spelling, 16; penmanship, 16; arithmetic, 15; geography, 10; grammar, 10; history, 8; composition, 1; physiology, 10.

SECOND TERM.

Teacher, Flora F. Cilley. No. weeks school, 8; whole number different pupils registered, 16; average number belonging to school, 16; average daily attendance, 15; per ct. daily attendance, 94; number pupils not absent, 7; instances of tardiness, 2; number visits by parents and others, 18; visits by school board, 2. Course of study pursued: Reading, 16; spelling, 16; penmanship, 16; arithmetic, 15; geography, 10; history, 8; grammar, 5; composition, 1; physiology, 9.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Bal. from last year,	$9 73	
Rec'd of J. H. Blanchard,	41 00	
" lit. fund, order from selectmen,	28 45	
		$79 18
Paid Mary B. Ames, teaching 6 weeks,	$27 00	
Mrs. C. W. Cummings, board, 6 weeks,	9 00	
Flora F. Cilley, teaching 8 weeks,	32 00	
1 week's board,	2 00	
for wood and repairs,	8 45	
Cash in hand to bal.,	73	
		$79 18

Our schools for the year have, I think, been a success. The first term of six weeks, taught by Mary B. Ames, I visited twice and was pleased that good order prevailed and each pupil was in place ; yet, to effect this, required continual discipline. Miss Ames deserves much credit for the energy and good will she puts into the work. I think she did her best for the good of the school, and the pupils showed good progress in their studies ; though some showed dissatisfaction. I heartily endorse Miss Ames as a good teacher.

The second term was taught by Flora F. Cilley of Hill, a Normal student, class of '77. Her twenty years experience in teaching, before and since graduating, has made her an excellent teacher. The quiet, easy way she has of keeping good order, and of gaining the pupils' good will and attention, can only be attained, in my judgment, by long experience, or from a bountiful natural gift, or both. In both visits I made the school I felt our money was being well laid out. Parent and pupil alike, speak well of Miss Cilley. Being short of funds, it was proposed that board and wood be contributed, thus giving us more school. Accordingly, Messrs. Cummings, Calley, Smith and Stevens, gave $16 in board and wood, which gave us eight weeks school instead of five.

Roll of Honor, 1st term :—Sarah A. Cummings, Anna L. Stevens, Daniel G. Kelley. 2d term :—Hattie May Calley, Sarah A. Cummings, Anna L. Stevens, Everett B. Smith, Harris W. Calley, Wm. H. Kelley, George H. H. Stevens.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Stevens, Member of School Board.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 3, KNOWN AS PEASE DIST., SPRING TERM.

Spring term taught by Jason Sanborn; length of term, 7 weeks; whole number scholars, 25. Mr. Sanborn's reputation as a teacher is too well established to need further comment, other than to say that the school was a most decided success in every particular.

Fall term taught by Lillian J. Brown; length of term, 7 weeks; whole number scholars, 24. We were much pleased with Miss Brown's efforts, but as long as parents send their children to school when they know they are making a disturbance, and are there only to make mischief, just so long will our school remain unsuccessful. With half a chance, we think Miss Brown will make a fine teacher.

JOHN H. BLANCHARD, Member of School Board.

Auditors' Report.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, collector, etc., and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM BRETHRICK,
A. E. PORTER,
J. F. HUCKINS,
} Auditors.

Births registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Birth. 1896.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child. 1st, 2d, &c.	Color	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 5	Elsie L.	F	Living	4	W.	Fred I. Jordan	Mary A. Bluin	W.	Ashland.	Blacksmith	Stewartstown	Canada
" 15	Howard F.	M	"	1		Frank W. Whipple	Mary E. Hillson		"	Wool dyer	Laconia	Concord
" 18	Flora M.	F	"	2		Geo. W Plummer	Lillie M. Cushing		"	Fish dealer	Rumney	Pembroke, Me.
" 24	Ruby L.	"	"	3		John H. Blanchard	Laura L. Sanborn		"	Farmer	Holderness	Holderness
Feb. 19	Ora E. P.	M	"	11		Theodore Jacques	Mary M. Guiett		"	Spinner	Canada	Canada
" 21	Agnes E.	F	"	1		Geo. H. Hilliard	Alice Clark		"	Carder	Center Harbor	Center Harbor
" 23	Grace A.	"	"	5		Dosetty Valley	Lena Begin		"	Operative	Canada	Canada
Mar. 30	Harold E.	M	"	1		Geo. T. Foster	Alice E. Morrison		"	Miller	Canterbury	Ashland
Apr. 17	Edna M.	F	"	4		Eugene S. Elliott	Rosa M. Shepard		"	Stone cutter	Rumney	Denmark, N.Y.
" 26		M	Stillborn	1		Marcena C. Blake	Jessie F. Woodman		"	Poultry fa'ming	Thornton	Holderness
June 14	Jeffrey John	"	Living	4		Eugene Guiett	Julia Lamonde		"	Laborer	Canada	Canada
" 17	Frank L.	"	"	3		Joseph F. Lovely	Minnie St. Peter		"	Farmer	Moore's J'n NY	Colebrook
" 22		F	"	1		Geo. W. Clifford	Emmeline Kezar		"	Operative	Weldon, Vt.	E. Hadley Can.
" 25	Joseph T.	M	"	2		Joseph Vallier	Mary Blair		"	"	Ashland	Montreal, P. Q.
" 27		"	Stillborn	1		Thomas Ferguson	Mary C. Andrews		"	Cloth Dresser	Hawick, Scot.	Ashland
" 30	Edna M.	F	Living	1		*Sherman Clark	Annie Parker		"	Operative	Ashland	Salmon Falls
July 4	Herman A.	M	"	3		Alvah P. Huckins	Ruby A. Plaisted		"	"	Center Harbor	Center Harbor
" 28	Hava	F	"	9		John B. Jourdain	Elzir Laurie		"	"	Canada	Canada
Aug. 21	Wilfred Ammi	M	"	4		Wilfred F. Brown	Minnie E. Reed		"	Pharmacist	Bridgewater	Dorchester
Sept. 22	Ella	F	"	1		William A. Wagner	Sadie A. Moody		"	Spinner	Maynard Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
" 25	Arthur R.	M	"	3		Charles H. Dicey	Delia M. Phillips		"	Glove maker	Bridgewater	Detroit, Mich.
Nov. 4	Arthur T.	"	"	1		Willard H. Gault	Florence M. Downing		"	Blacksmith	Campton	Campton
" 6	Marie L.	F	"	6		Theodore Gamache	Mary Boudwa		"	Sawyer	Canada	Canada
" 19	Olney	M	"	1		John H. Morrill	Alice J. Brock		"	Feed dealer	Canterbury	WhitinsvilleMs
Dec. 5	Frederick A.	"	"	1		John H. Crowley	Edna M. Clark		"	Laborer		Ashland
" 12		"	Stillborn	2		Rufus B. Brown	Mabel C. Brooks		"	"	Ashland	St Johnsb'ry Vt
" 13	Leslie C.	"	Living	4		Daniel B. Wheeler	Annie A. Howe		"	Painter	Plymouth	Holderness
" 23	Josie	F	"	3		Joseph Gamache	Nora Guiett		"	Laborer	Canada	Wallingford Ct

*As stated by the mother.

Marriages registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of marr'ge 1896.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of each.	Place of birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d or 3d marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 15	Meredith	Gardner W. Morse	Ashland	39	W.	Farmer	Benton	William F. Morse Betsey J. Annis	Blacksmith Housewife	2	H. S. Davis, clergyman, Meredith
		Lydia Scruton	Holderness	27		Housekeeper	Holderness	Edwin Scruton	Farmer Housewife	1	
Apr. 4	Ashland	Isaac D. Morse	Ashland	64		Blacksmith	Bristol	Hezekiah Morse Rachel Heath	Blacksmith Housewife	2	Perley E. Shaw, justice peace, Holderness
		Mary A. McIntire	Pelham	35		Housekeeper	Pelham	Matthews		2	
Apr. 22	New Hampton	James Atkinson	Ashland	35		Stone mason	Kingston, N.Y.	William Atkinson Ann Heveron	Laborer Housewife	1	E. C. Clarke, clergyman, Ashland
		Isabella F. Smith	N. Hampt'n	36		Housekeeper	Holderness	Cyrus Plaisted Eliza Rowe	Farmer Housewife	2	
May 10	Ashland	Thomas J. Gannon	Ashland	25		Spinner	NewYork N.Y.	Thomas Gannon Kate Scanlan	Porter Housewife	1	Jas. L. McLaughlin clergyman, Groton
		Jennie Chase	"	25		Housekeeper	Ashland	George H. Chase Mary S. Greenleaf	Farmer Housewife	1	
May 20	Ashland	Ellis G. Gammons	"	25		Paper maker	Methuen Mass.	Thomps'nEGamm'ns Laura M. Percy	Book keeper Housewife	1	R. H. Ferguson, clergyman, Ashland
		Adele C. Ladd	"	30			Holderness	Ruel W. Ladd Elizabeth C. Wright	Undertaker Housewife	1	
June 3	Concord	Thomas Ferguson	"	32		Dresser	Scotland	Ferguson	Designer Housewife	2	Howard F. Hill, clergyman, Concord
		Mary C. Andrews	"	22			Ashland	John Andrews Ann L. Rollins	Wool merchant Housewife	1	
June 9	Ashland	George U. Flanders	"	20		Mill operative	"	Frank N. Flanders Ellen M. Mudgett	Farmer Housewife	1	E. C. Clarke, clergyman, Ashland
		Christie H. Hodgdon	"	19			"	George M. Hodgdon Pamelia A. Plaisted	Teamster Housewife	1	
June 26	Ashland	James N. Ellis	N. Hampt'n	25		Butcher	New Hampton	George W. Ellis Esther E. Elkins	Farmer Housekeeper	1	Francis M. Hughes justice peace Ashland
		Edith L. Orne	Ashland	20		Housekeeper	Bristol	Lorenzo G. Wheeler Sarah P. Ball	Mill operative Housewife	2	
June 24	Ashland	Robert J. Shields	S.Lunenb'g Vt.	32		Car inspector	Dublin, Ire.	William Shields Louisa Robinson	Merchant Housewife	1	E. C. Clarke, clergyman, Ashland
		Ina Maud Beard	Ashland	21		Housekeeper	Canada	William H. Beard Charity Palmer	Farmer Housewife	1	

Aug. 13	Morrill's Cor., Deering, Me.	Arthur E. Morrill	Ashland	25	Printer	Salisbury	Charles Morrill	Farmer	1	John R. Clifford, clergyman, Woodf'dDeeri'gMe
							Mary A. Smith	Housewife		
		Sadie L. Hawkes	Buxt'n Me.	25	Tailoress	Concord	John J. H. Hawkes	Stone cutter	1	
							Lydia R. Munroe	Housewife		
Oct. 20	Ashland	Henry Varshaw	Ashland	31	Laborer	St. Joseph, Can.	Aiken Varshaw	Laborer	1	Francis M. Hughes justice peace, Ashland
							Alanie Gonyea	Housewife		
		Jessie Landrock	"	18	Mill operative	Ashland	Mitchell Landrock	Laborer	1	
							Delia Lamonde	Housewife		
" 28	Laconia	Thomas F. Marr	"	33	" "	Bethel, Vt.	Patrick Marr	Mechanic	1	Lucius Waterman, clergyman, Laconia
							Ellen Tinan	Housewife		
		Marie Odille Bellanger	"	26	Housekeeper	Ashland	Edward Bellanger	Mill operative	1	
							Selina Gyott	Housewife		
Nov. 5	Ashland	Walter H. Dow	"	44	Farmer	Westboro Mass	Samuel H. Dow	Farmer	2	Francis M.Hughes justice peace Ashland
							Catherine H. Nason	Housewife		
		Mary O. Swift	"	47	Housekeeper	Tisbury, "	Otis Tilton	Sea captain	2	
							Mary C. Chase	Housewife		
" 14	"	Herbert E. Cousins	Holderness	41	Mill operative	Holderness	Enoch Cousins	Farmer	1	John A. Bowler, clergyman, Plymouth
							Lydia Cox	Housewife		
		Cora E. Hodgdon	Ashland	36	" "	Sandwich	Gilman Felch	Harness maker	3	
							Sarah Morrison	Housewife		
Dec. 20	Plymouth	Frank G. Estes	"	24	" "	"	William Estes	Farmer	1	John A. Bowler, clergyman, Plymouth
							Mary E. Atkins	Housewife		
		Eva B. Clark	Cent.H'rb'r	21	Housekeeper	Ashland	James O Clark	Stone mason	1	
							Juliette Huckins	Housewife		
" 23	"	Thomas C. Shepard	Ashland	21	Carpenter	"	Samuel C. Shepard	Millwright	1	John A. Bowler, clergyman, Plymouth
							Florette E. Eastman	Housekeeper		
		Eva C. Mitchell	"	19		Plymouth	Brooks M. Mitchell	Glove cutter	1	
							Emma Williams	Housewife		
" 30	Ashland	Wilner S. Davis	"	37	Clerk	Meriden	Albert H. Davis	Retired	2	E. C. Clarke, clergyman, Ashland
							Lydia A. Sanborn	Housewife		
		Ellen L. Terrill	"	28	Table girl	Manchester	Samuel H. Terrill	Farmer	1	
							Ruth A. Wescott	Housewife		

Deaths registered in the town of Ashland for the year ending December 31, 1896.*

Date of death. 1896.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age, Years,	Months	Days,	Place of birth,	Sex,	Color,	Single, married or widowed,	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Jan. 7	Eliza Ryea	82			Canada	F	W.	M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Victor White	Matilda Murray
" 31	Mary E. White		6	16	Ashland	"		S		St. Louis, Can.	Chiswick, Can.	Louis Gyott	Delia Woods
Feb. 6	Orrie Brooks	30			Canada	M		M	Mill operative	Canada	Canada	Daniel Edgerly	
" 7	DiedamiaESanborn	85	10	3	Palermo, Me.	F		W	Housekeeper			Thomas Eastman	Sally Howe
" 22	Chas. C. Eastman	75	11	2	Holderness	M		M	Farmer	Hopkinton	New Hampton	James Morris	Matilda McQuade
Mar. 25	Annie Morris	17				F		S	School girl	Ireland	Ireland	Chas. A. Eastman	Laura E. Perkins
" 30	Margaret Eastman	1	5	8	Ashland	"		"		Holderness	Holderness	Marcena C. Blake	Jessie F. Woodman
Apr. 26	(Infant) Blake				"	M		"		Thornton	"	Wm. Brethrick	Martha Keating
May 3	Edward Brethrick	28	10	26	Andover, Mass.	"		"		Leeds, Eng.	Leeds, Eng.	Gideon Hill	Mary A. Smith
" 5	Esther E. Eastman	38	3	9	Rochester, Vt.	F		M	Housewife	Ellsworth	Rochester, Vt.	Person Howe	Nancy Moore
June 1	Sylvester D. Howe	67	8	21	Bristol	M		S	Nurse	Barre	Andover		
July 27	Louisa Roberts	65				F		W				Willie E. Heath	EArdelle Carpenter
Aug. 11	Alta L. Heath	12	1	17	Bridgewater	"		S		Bridgewater	Clarksville	Jere. H. Gordon	
Sept. 3	Henry H. Gordon	68	1	9	Landaff	M		W	Harness maker			Geo. W. Carr	Hattie A. Converse
Oct. 14	Eugene M. Carr	45	2	13		"		M	Glove cutter	Holderness	Woburn, Mass.	Bailey	
" 21	Cordelia B. Adams	95	1	19	Plymouth	F		W	Housekeeper			Willard H. Gault	Florence Downing
Nov. 17	Arthur T. Gault			14	Ashland	M		S		Campton	Campton	John Perkins	Lydia Huckins
Dec. 26	Horace B. Perkins	78	11		New Hampton	"		M	Farmer	New Hampton	New Hampton		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ORA A. BROWN, Town Clerk.